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SUBJECT: AHIDJO-GOWON MEETING

REFS: LAGOS 8308, 8382 (1974), YAOUNDE 3087 (1974)

1. GURC HAS ANNOUNCED GENERAL GOWON TO ARRIVE NORTHERN TOWN OF MAROUA LATE AFTERNOON MAY 30 FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT AHIDJO ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, AFRICAN AND OTHER INTER-NATIONAL ISSUES. TALKS EXPECTED END MID-DAY JUNE 1 AND FINAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED THEN.

2. COMMENT: MEETING IS SEQUEL TO AHIDJO-GOWON TALKS IN KANO AUG 30/SEP 1, 1974, WHICH PRODUCED AGREEMENT ON FOUR-KILOMETER WIDE ZONE ALONG CAMEROON-NIGERIA DISPUTED MARITIME BORDER WHERE NO OIL PROSPECTING TO BE ALLOWED. THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY ONLY TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT TO PAPER OVER CONTINUED DISAGREEMENT UNTIL MORE SATISFACTORY PERMANENT SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND. ZONE IS SITE OF OIL FINDS (ASHLAND FROM NIGERIAN SIDE, ELF-SEREPCA FROM CAMEROONIAN). STEPPED-UP EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES BY VARIOUS COMPANIES BOTH ON-AND OFF-SHORE IN CAMEROON, UNDER GURC PRESSURE, HAS SO FAR PRODUCED

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DISAPPOINTING RESULTS (YAOUNDE'S A-41, MAY 12, 1975). BY

NECESSITY GURC INTEREST THUS INCREASED IN EXPLORING/EXPLOIT-  
ING WHAT IT CONSIDERS ITS PART OF CURRENTLY PROHIBITED  
ZONE. GOWON-AHIDJO TALKS EXPECTED FOCUS ON THIS VITAL  
BORDER PROBLEM.  
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